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REP. BLAKE OSHIRO SELECTED AS 2006 TOLL FELLOW



Lexington, KY – Representative Blake Oshiro, 33rd District (Waimalu, Aiea, Halawa, Red Hill) is one of 40 emerging state leaders from across the nation selected for the prestigious Toll Fellowship Program sponsored by The Council of State Governments, July 8-13, 2006.

Rep. Oshiro was nominated by Speaker Calvin Say and was selected from many outstanding applicants by a committee of state elected and appointed officials as one of the most promising leaders of state government. Past Toll Fellowship graduates include governors, US Senators and members of Congress as well as leaders in state government.

The annual week-long seminar, named in honor of Henry Toll, a Colorado senator who founded CSG in 1933, seeks to develop the next generation of leaders from all three branches of state government. This year's dynamic program, held in Lexington, Ky., focuses on trends analysis, policy development, crisis management and leadership and institutional changes. The experience gives these leaders perspectives they would not ordinarily obtain during the course of their regular governmental service.

“I was humbled and honored to have been selected for this program. It’s a exciting opportunity to gain additional tools and knowledge to become a more effective young leader for our state,” says Rep. Oshiro. “But more importantly, it will provide me with a greater nationwide network of respected leaders that I can draw upon for expertise and resources that will benefit our community.”

The Council of State Governments is the premier multi-branch organization forecasting policy trends for the community of states, commonwealths and territories on a national and regional basis. CSG alerts state elected and appointed officials to emerging social, economic, and political trends; offers innovative state policy responses to rapidly changing conditions; and advocates multi-state problem-solving to maximize resources and competitiveness. CSG promotes excellence in decision-making and leadership skills and champions state sovereignty. For more information about the Henry Toll Fellowship Program, please contact Krista Rinehart at (859) 244-8249.

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